

Seattle Department of Transportation

ALKI POINT KEEP MOVING STREET EARLY PLANNING SURVEY REPORT PART 2 OF 2



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OVERVIEW

2,052 Total Responses

The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) launched an online survey to seek community feedback on what is going well, what isn't, what types of permanent improvements we should make to the street at Alki Point, and to better understand community values. The Alki Point Keep Moving Street online survey opened on September 3, 2021, and closed December 21, 2021. The survey link was shared via the project listserv, poster boards on-site, a neighborhood mailer, door-to-door outreach to Alki Beach businesses, updates to SDOT social media, and was posted to the project webpage. We also shared the survey with media outlets in West Seattle. We will continue to connect with the community regarding proposed project designs and gathering feedback.

This document is part 2 of the Survey Report and contains survey results to the second section of our online survey. SDOT is exploring three concept designs for permanent design along Alki Point. The second set of questions included information about these three concept designs, open-ended questions included three sets of design elements aimed to help us understand how the street is or isn't working well in its current condition. The below survey results summarize the top five themes from the open-ended responses. Part 1 of the Survey Report can be found [here](#).

SECTION 1: DESIGN OPTIONS

Option 1: Stay Healthy Street + Neighborhood Greenway

- Upgrade to a Neighborhood Greenway
 - Adding stop signs at intersecting streets that currently operate as neighborhood yield intersections (64th Ave SW, Point Pl SW, 64th Pl SW, 64th Ave SW)
 - Additional traffic calming so that the spacing of speed humps and raised crosswalks is approximately every 300 feet. Approximately 3-4 speed humps or speed cushions would be added.
 - Better connectivity to the citywide bike network through new sharrow pavement markings and wayfinding signs.
- Decorative design elements (such as crosswalks)
- Stay Healthy Street signage at every intersection, including 'Street - Closed' and 'Stay Healthy Street' signs (would be upgraded from existing barricades). This restricts vehicle access to local access only.
- Parking impacts: Removes approx. 5 parking spaces



Option 2: Neighborhood Greenway + additional pedestrian space

- Upgrade to a Neighborhood Greenway (same Neighborhood Greenway improvements as Option 1)
- Decorative design elements (such as crosswalks)
- Add pedestrian space along the beach on Beach Dr, from 63rd Ave SW to Alki Ave SW
- Parking impacts: Removes approx. 85-100 parking spaces



Option 3: One-way street + shared walking and bike path

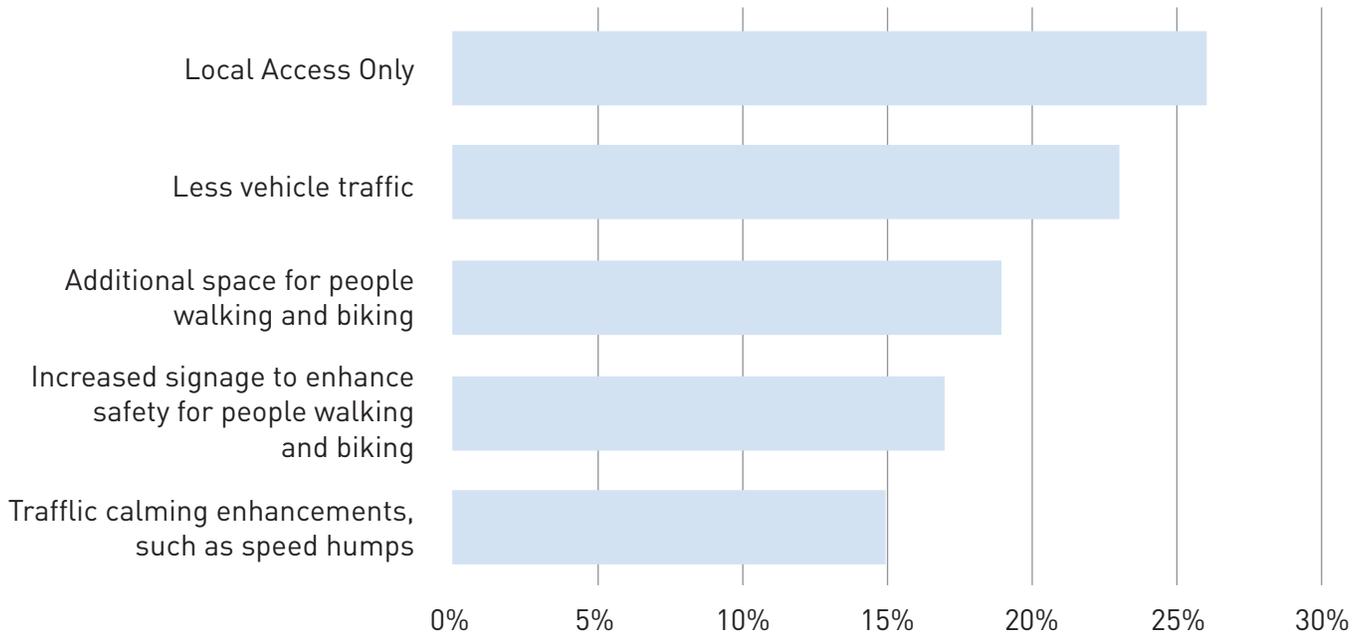
- Create a separate walking and biking path adjacent to the existing beachside curb
 - The walking and biking path would connect from the existing Alki Trail to the south end of the Alki Point Keep Moving Street.
- Decorative design elements (such as crosswalks)
- Adjust the street to operate as one way for vehicles (direction TBD)
- Parking impacts: Removes approx. 90-100 parking spaces



SECTION 2: SURVEY RESULTS

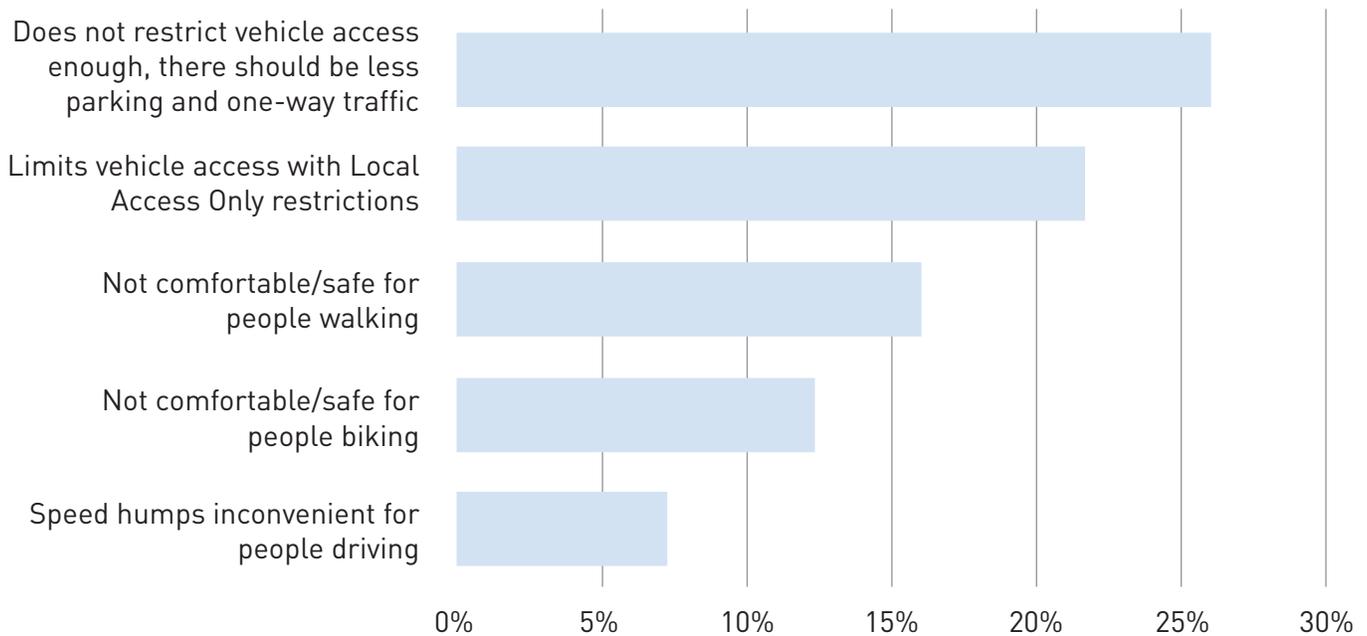
*The below is a compilation of open ended responses. Responses were sorted into the top 5 themes and some open ended responses may not have fit into any category.

What elements of the Stay Healthy Street + Neighborhood Greenway design do you like? [Stay Healthy Street + Neighborhood Greenway \(Option 1\)](#)



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Local Access Only	26%
Less vehicle traffic	23%
Additional space for people walking and biking	19%
Increased signage to enhance safety for people walking and biking	17%
Traffic calming enhancements, such as speed humps	15%
Total Respondents: 1,092	

What elements of the Stay Healthy Street + Neighborhood Greenway design do you not like? Why? [Stay Healthy Street + Neighborhood Greenway \(Option 1\)](#)



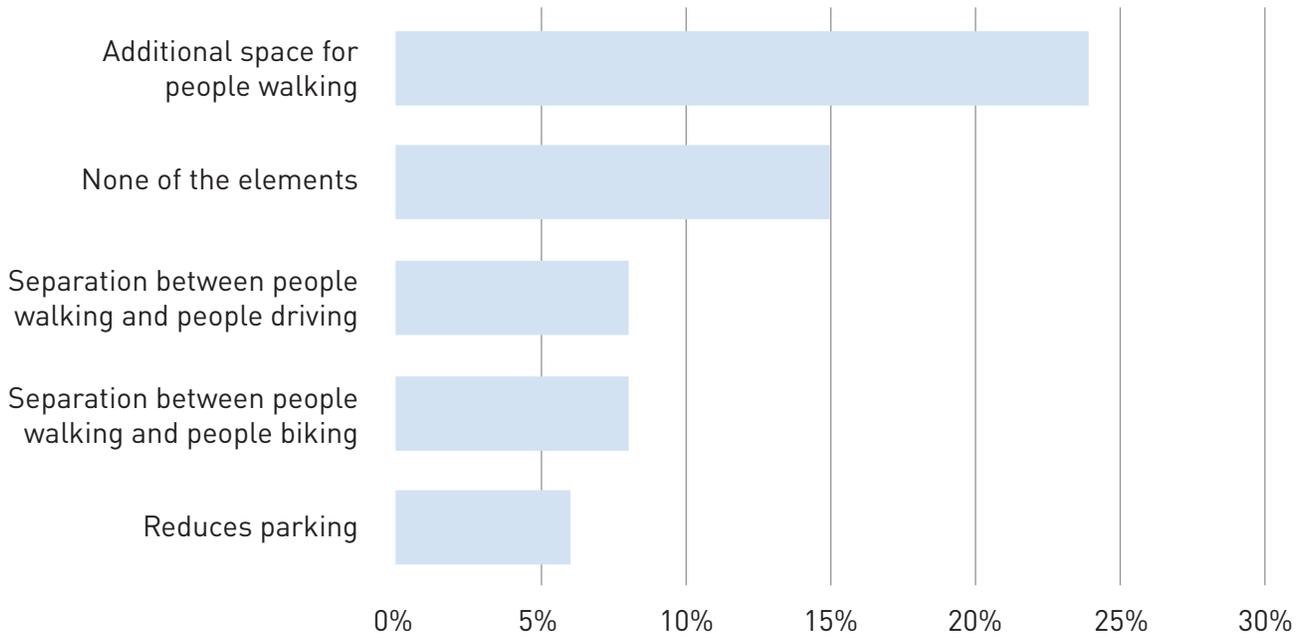
ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Does not restrict vehicle access enough, there should be less parking and one-way traffic	26%
Limits vehicle access with Local Access Only restrictions	22%
Not comfortable/safe for people walking	16%
Not comfortable/safe for people biking	13%
Speed humps inconvenient for people driving	7%

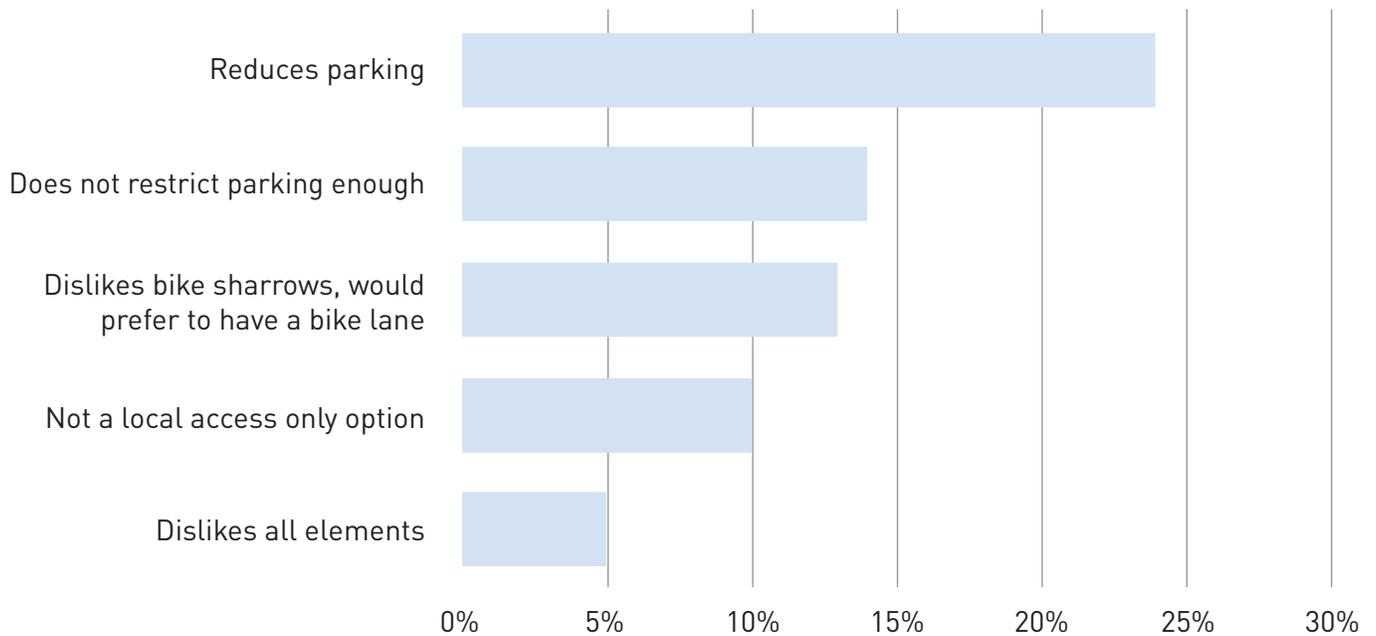
Total Respondents: 993

What elements of the Neighborhood Greenway + additional pedestrian space design do you like? [Neighborhood Greenway + additional pedestrian space \(Option 2\)](#)



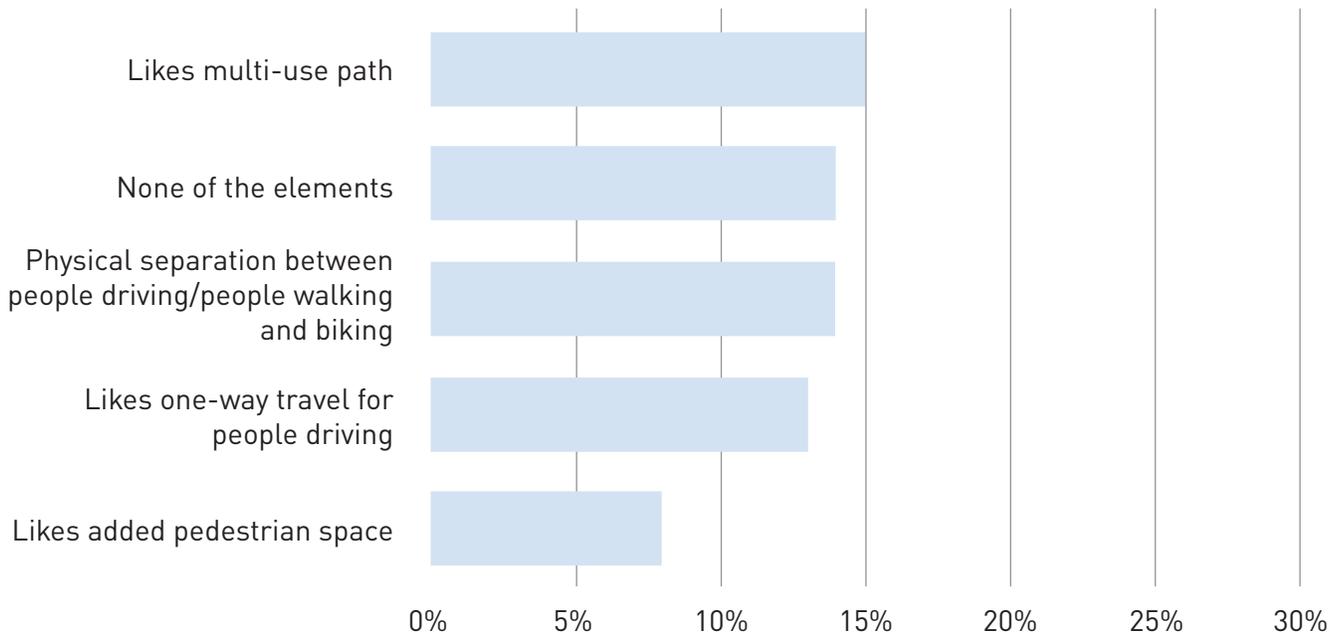
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Additional space for people walking	24%
None of the elements	15%
Separation between people walking and people driving	8%
Separation between people walking and people biking	8%
Reduces parking	6%
Total Respondents: 908	

What elements of the Neighborhood Greenway + additional pedestrian space design do you not like? Why? [Neighborhood Greenway + additional pedestrian space \(Option 2\)](#)



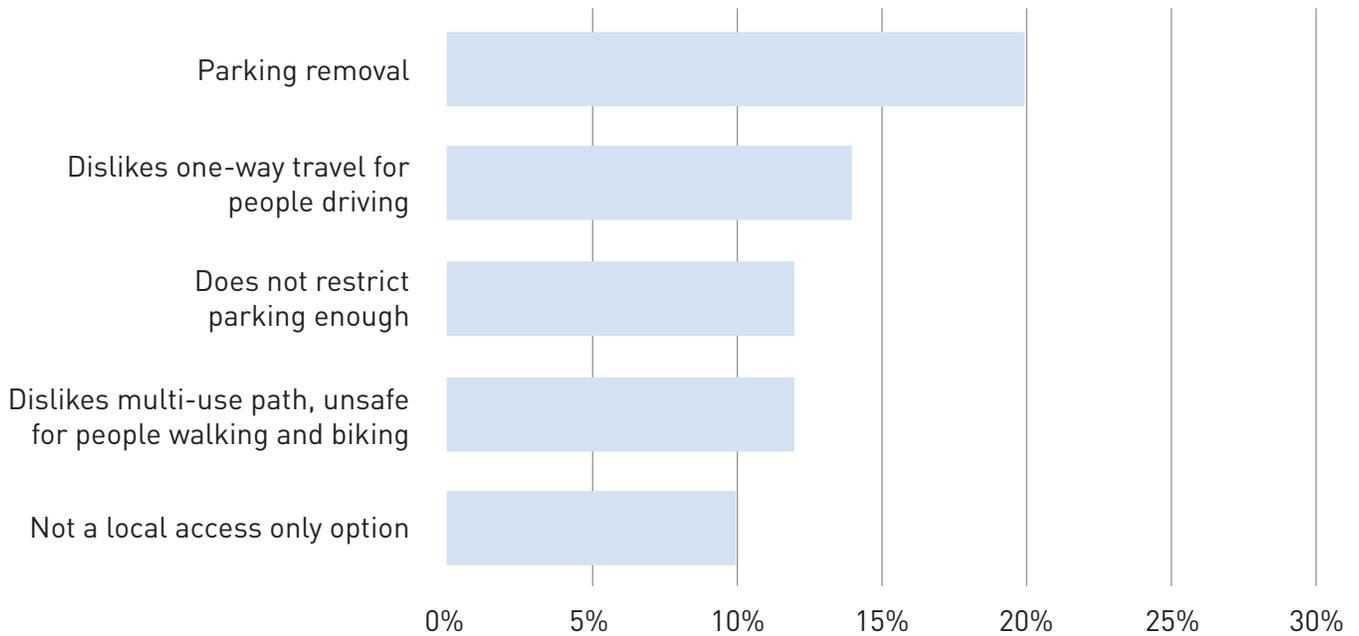
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Reduces parking	24%
Does not restrict parking enough	14%
Dislikes bike sharrows, would prefer to have a bike lane	13%
Not a local access only option	10%
Dislikes all elements	5%
Total Respondents: 974	

What elements of the One-way street + shared walking and biking path design do you like? One-way street + shared walking and biking path (Option 3)



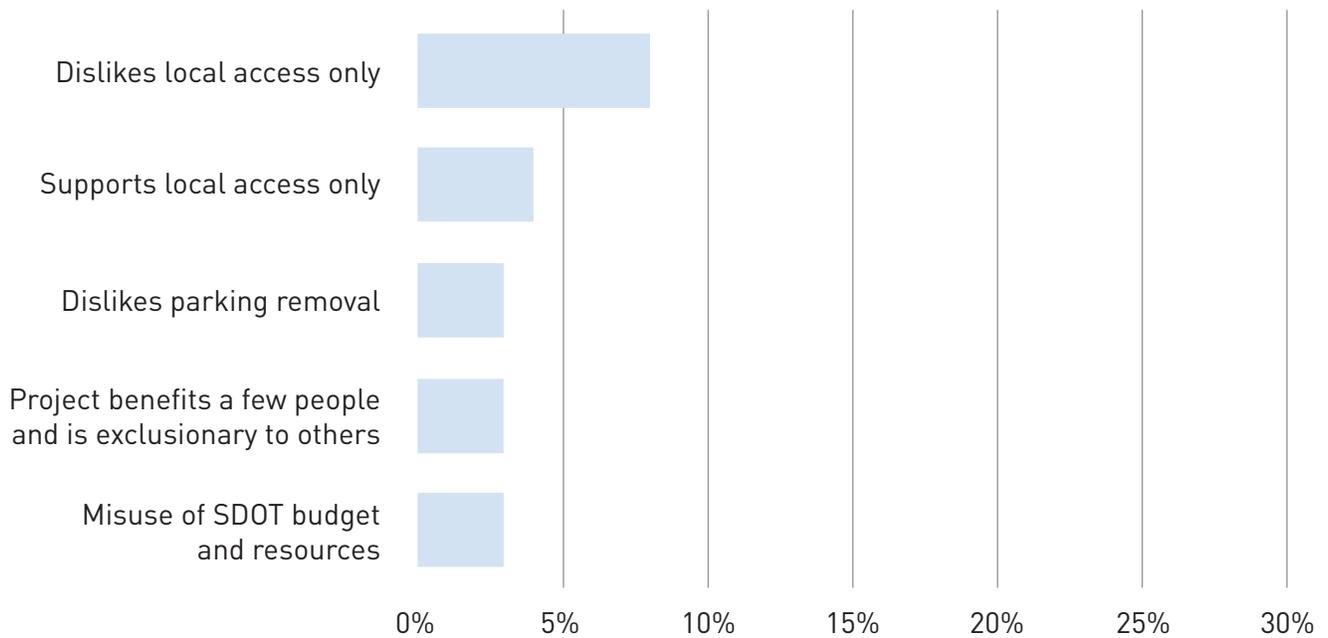
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Likes multi-use path	15%
None of the elements	14%
Physical separation between people driving/people walking and biking	14%
Likes one-way travel for people driving	13%
Likes added pedestrian space	8%
Total Respondents: 882	

What elements of the One-way street + shared walking and biking path design do you not like? Why? [One-way street + shared walking and biking path \(Option 3\)](#)



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Parking removal	20%
Dislikes one-way travel for people driving	14%
Does not restrict parking enough	12%
Dislikes multi-use path, unsafe for people walking and biking	12%
Not a local access only option	10%
Total Respondents: 962	

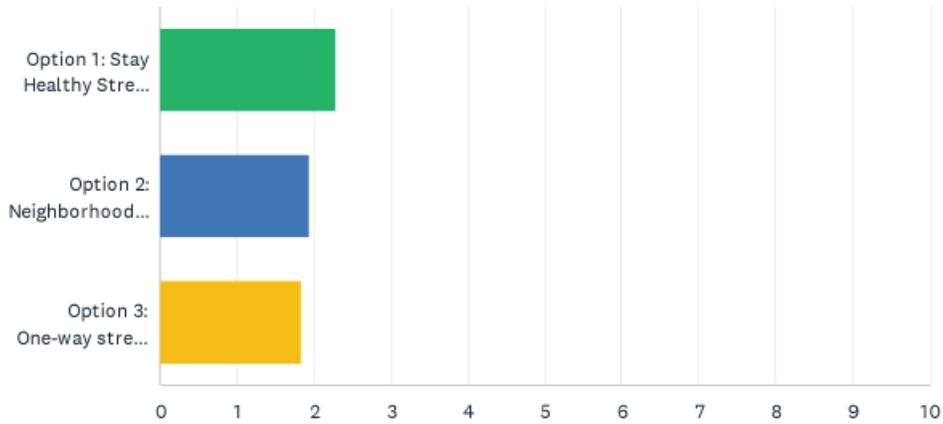
What else would you like to share with us about the Alki Point Keep Moving Street?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Dislikes local access only	8%
Supports local access only	4%
Dislikes parking removal	3%
Project benefits a few people and is exclusionary to others	3%
Misuse of SDOT budget and resources	3%
Total Respondents: 929	

Q24 Please rank the three options in order of preference:

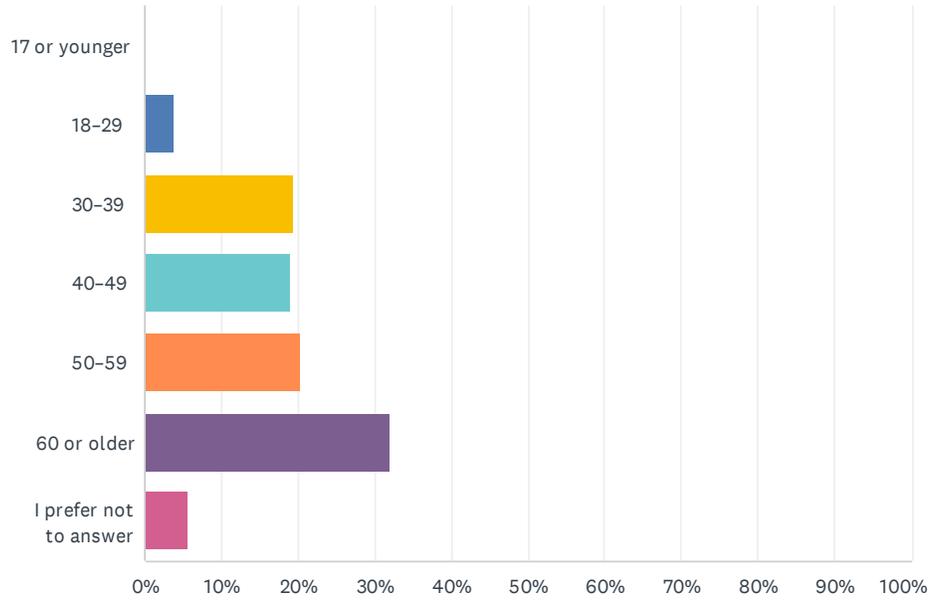
Answered: 1,420 Skipped: 630



	1	2	3	TOTAL	SCORE
Option 1: Stay Healthy Street + Neighborhood Greenway	54.89% 757	17.84% 246	27.27% 376	1,379	2.28
Option 2: Neighborhood Greenway + additional pedestrian space	18.93% 251	55.73% 739	25.34% 336	1,326	1.94
Option 3: One-way street + shared walking and biking path	29.46% 401	24.98% 340	45.55% 620	1,361	1.84

Q26 What is your age? (Select one)

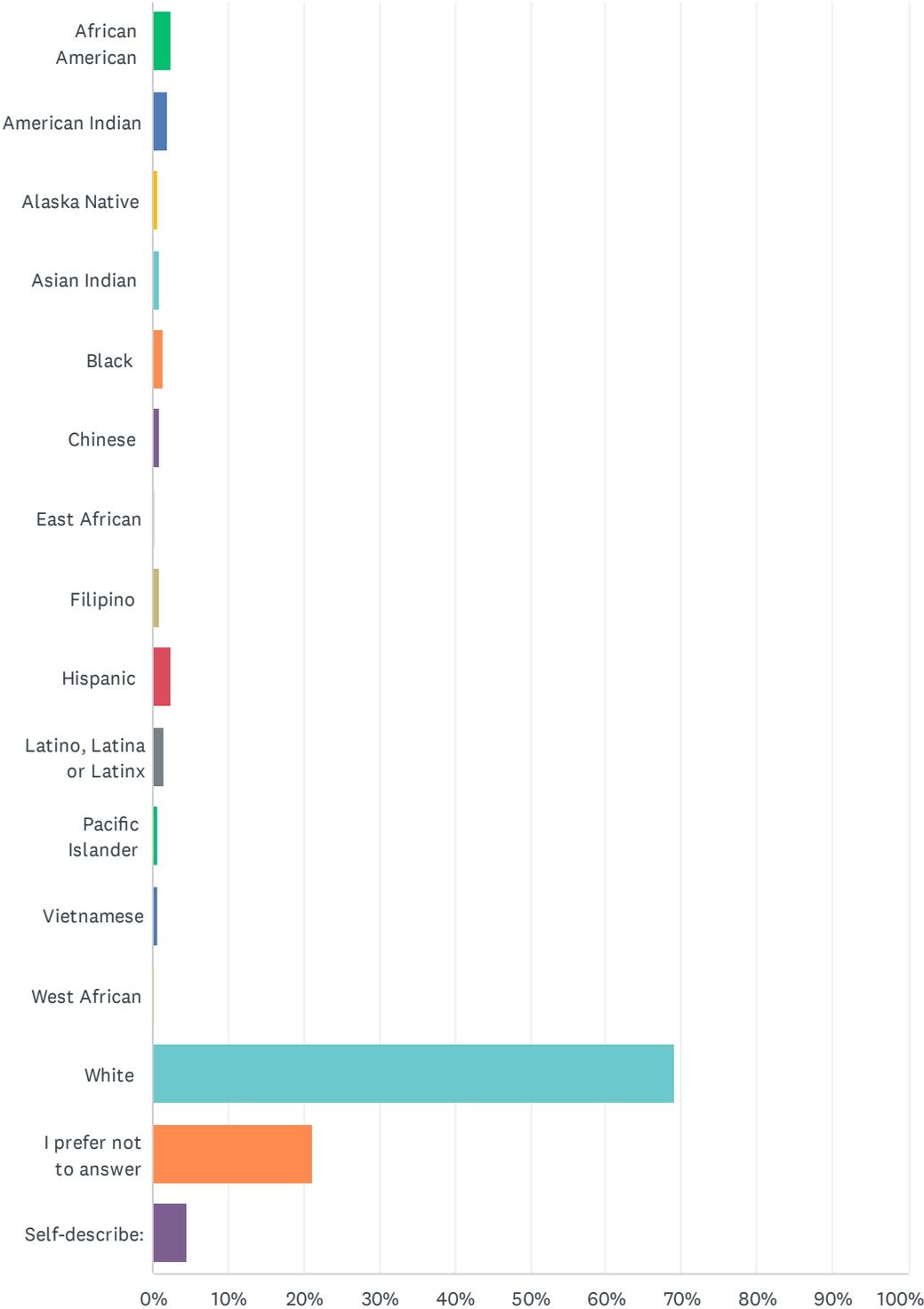
Answered: 1,637 Skipped: 413



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
17 or younger	0.06% 1
18-29	3.79% 62
30-39	19.30% 316
40-49	19.06% 312
50-59	20.22% 331
60 or older	32.07% 525
I prefer not to answer	5.50% 90
TOTAL	1,637

Q27 How do you identify? (Select all that apply)

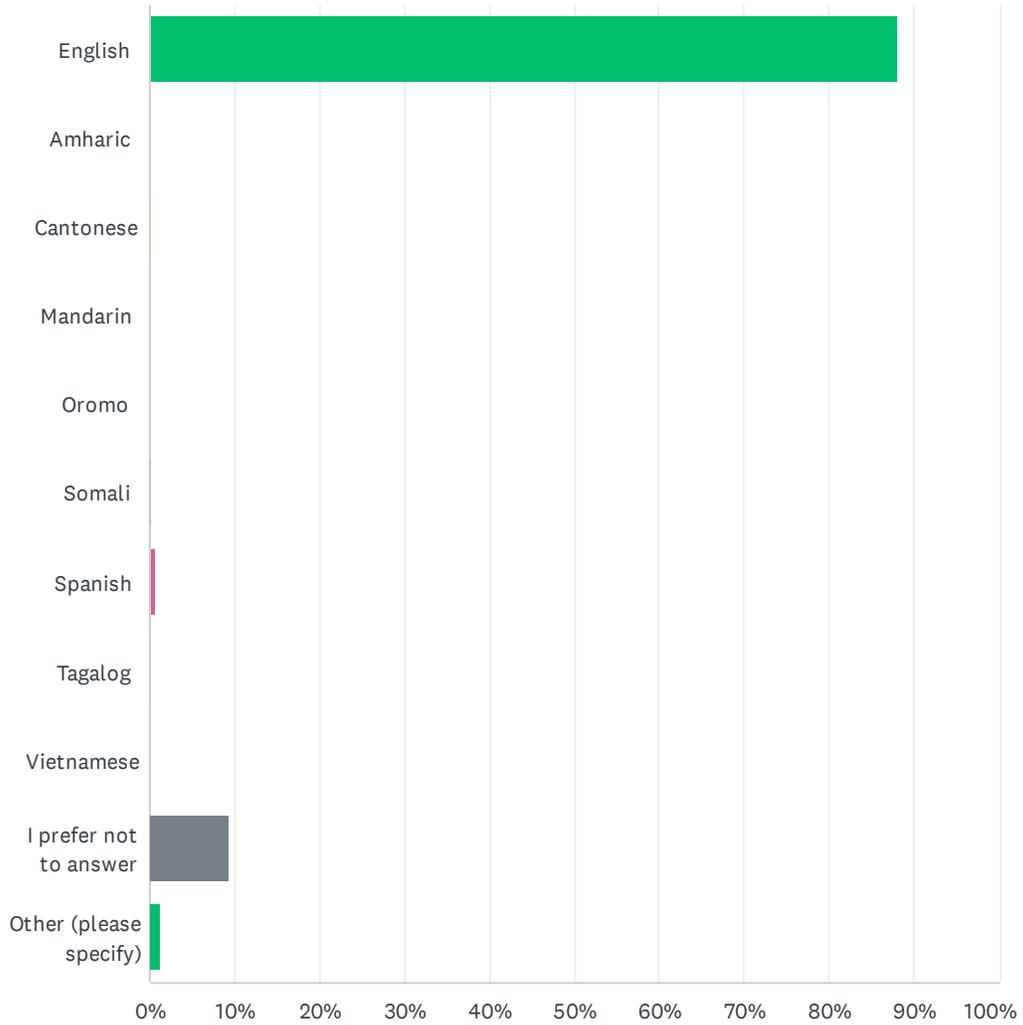
Answered: 1,604 Skipped: 446



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
African American	2.43%	39
American Indian	1.93%	31
Alaska Native	0.56%	9
Asian Indian	0.87%	14
Black	1.18%	19
Chinese	0.81%	13
East African	0.19%	3
Filipino	0.75%	12
Hispanic	2.31%	37
Latino, Latina or Latinx	1.43%	23
Pacific Islander	0.69%	11
Vietnamese	0.62%	10
West African	0.19%	3
White	69.14%	1,109
I prefer not to answer	21.01%	337
Self-describe:	4.43%	71
Total Respondents: 1,604		

Q28 What is the primary language spoken in your home? (Select one)

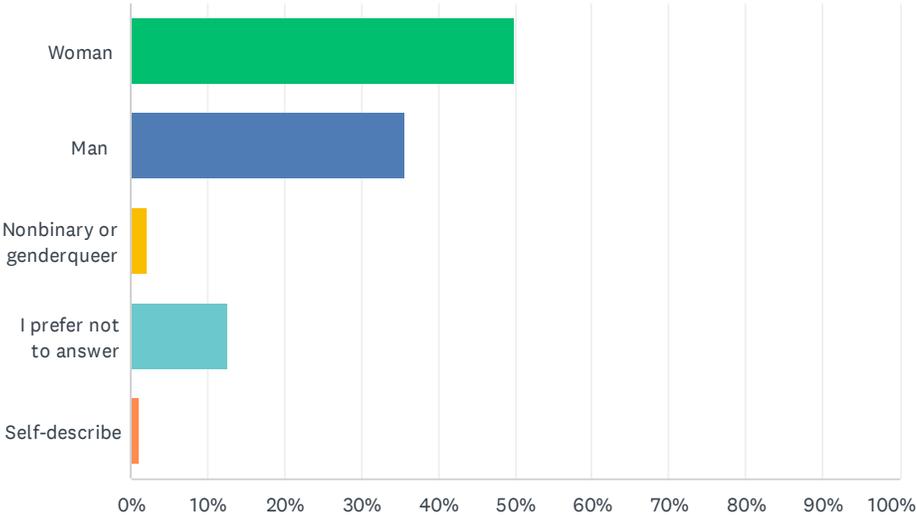
Answered: 1,622 Skipped: 428



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
English	88.16%	1,430
Amharic	0.00%	0
Cantonese	0.12%	2
Mandarin	0.00%	0
Oromo	0.06%	1
Somali	0.18%	3
Spanish	0.55%	9
Tagalog	0.25%	4
Vietnamese	0.00%	0
I prefer not to answer	9.31%	151
Other (please specify)	1.36%	22
TOTAL		1,622

Q29 What gender do you identify as? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 1,608 Skipped: 442



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Woman	49.88%	802
Man	35.57%	572
Nonbinary or genderqueer	2.11%	34
I prefer not to answer	12.56%	202
Self-describe	1.12%	18
Total Respondents: 1,608		

Q30 Contact Information (If you want to be added to our project mailing list)

Answered: 519 Skipped: 1,531

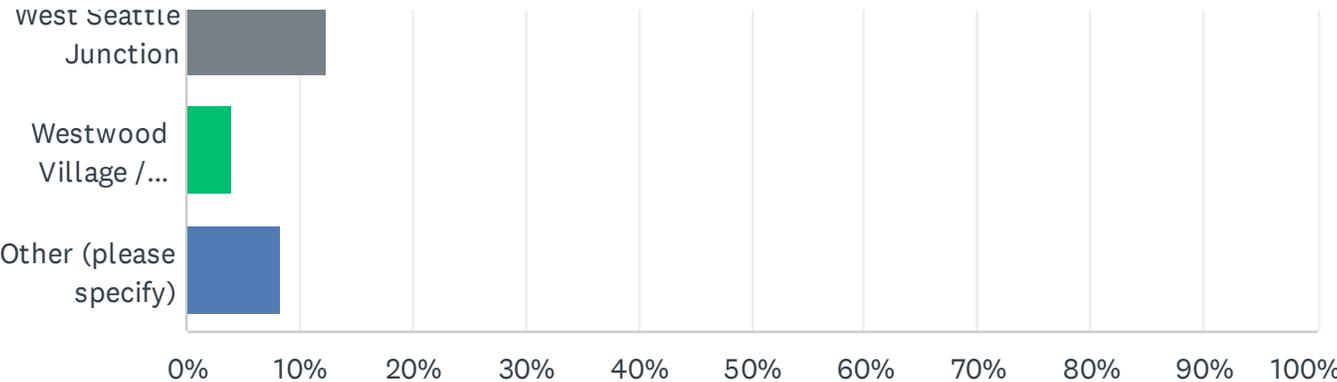
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Name	98.27%	510
Company	0.00%	0
Address	0.00%	0
Address 2	0.00%	0
City/Town	0.00%	0
State/Province	0.00%	0
ZIP/Postal Code	0.00%	0
Country	0.00%	0
Email Address	98.84%	513
Phone Number	0.00%	0

Q31 What Seattle Neighborhood do you live in?

Answered: 1,538 Skipped: 512



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
23rd & Union/Jackson	0.07%	1
Admiral	13.26%	204
Alki	51.17%	787
Aurora-Licton Springs	0.00%	0
Ballard	0.39%	6
Beacon Hill	0.52%	8
Belltown	0.00%	0
Bitter Lake/Broadview	0.00%	0
Capitol Hill	0.26%	4
Chinatown-International District	0.13%	2
Columbia City	0.20%	3
Crown Hill	0.13%	2
Delridge	2.73%	42
Downtown Commercial Core	0.13%	2
Eastlake	0.07%	1
First Hill	0.00%	0
Fremont	0.07%	1
Georgetown	0.13%	2
Green Lake	0.26%	4
Greenwood-Phinney Ridge	0.13%	2
Judkins Park	0.00%	0
Lake City	0.00%	0
Madison-Miller	0.00%	0
Magnolia	0.00%	0
Montlake	0.00%	0
Morgan Junction	4.42%	68
North Rainier / Mount Baker	0.00%	0
Northgate	0.13%	2
Othello	0.07%	1
Pioneer Square	0.00%	0
Queen Anne	0.13%	2
Rainier Beach	0.07%	1

Roosevelt	0.20%	3
Sand Point	0.00%	0
South Lake Union	0.00%	0
South Park	0.26%	4
University District	0.00%	0
Uptown	0.13%	2
Wallingford	0.13%	2
West Seattle Junction	12.42%	191
Westwood Village / Roxhill-Highland Park	4.10%	63
Other (please specify)	8.32%	128
TOTAL		1,538

STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH SUMMARY

Overview

We conducted outreach with community groups to provide information about the project and offered meetings to have a discussion with the project team. A list of community organizations is included below, as well as a list of community briefings.

- Admiral Neighborhood Association
- Alki Community Council
- Friends of Seattle Olmsted
- Luna Park Homeowners' Association
- Seattle Early Learning Center
- Senior Center of West Seattle
- Southwest District Council
- Welcoming West Seattle
- Westside Neighbors Network
- Recreation groups (paddling, other)
- Scientific groups
- USACE
- Alki Point Lighthouse
- Tribes
- Disability groups
- Seattle Public Schools/PTA (Ali Elementary, Cove School, Genesee Hill Elementary, Madison Middle School)

Community Briefings & Events

- Alki Point Micromobility Outreach Event – October 2, 2021
- West Seattle Bike Connections – October 21, 2021
- Duwamish Valley Youth Corps – October 25, 2021
- West Seattle Transportation Coalition – October 28, 2021
- Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board – November 10, 2021
- Seattle Parks LifeLong Rec Senior Programming – December 7, 2021

Business outreach

We also coordinated site visits and conducted outreach with businesses to share information about the project and understand what improvements are preferred amongst businesses.

At the site visits, we shared project details and answered any immediate questions. We left the project flyer for managers to review and for all who were interested to provide feedback via survey, email, or phone call.

Those we spoke with had general support for the Keep Moving Street, mostly because it had calmed traffic and reduced speeding. There were no concerns on parking removal options that were shared while we were doing door-to-door outreach. One business felt that this project was government overreach, and another asked SDOT to focus on the West Seattle Bridge.

A list of businesses is included below.

- Alki Beach Café
- Alki Beach Miniatures
- Alki Spud Fish & Chips
- Ampersand Cafe on Alki
- Blue Moon Burgers
- Cactus Alki Beach
- Christos On Alki
- Duke's Seafood
- El Chupacabra Alki
- Estrainmetalworks
- Harry's Beach House
- Homefront Smoothies & Ice cream
- Il Nido
- Island View Resident Council
- It's BBQ Time
- J&J Public House
- John Kennedy Reverse Mortgages
- Marination Ma Kai
- Pegasus Pizza & Pasta
- Pepperdock Restaurant
- Salty's on Alki Beach
- Southwest Seattle Historical Society
- Starbucks
- Sunfish
- Unikorn Tours
- Unwind Café
- West Bay Coffee and Smoothies
- West Seattle Dentist - Alki Dental
- Wheel Fun Rentals

Themes from stakeholder outreach

Keep Moving Street is popular and seen as a success by most

- Broad support amongst Alki Ave & Beach Dr community/neighbors for maintaining Keep Moving St
- Non-Alki Ave/Beach Dr residents generally supportive as well
- Alki Point is a destination for many from recreation to simply taking in the views

Concerns about the clarity and intent of Local Access Only

- Rules regarding driving may be unclear, particularly for visitors, resulting in unsafe conditions for peds/bikers
- Concerns about privatization, equity, and who has access to the public right-of-way
- Emphasize local access for drivers/cars, public access for all other modes

Seal Sitters, Kayakers, and other visitors may need parking access

- Maintain ADA spots for elders, mobility challenged

Adjacent resident group overwhelmingly prefers Option 1

Other West Seattle community groups expressed interest in Options 1, 2, and 3

Emails to SDOT

- Majority of emails are from neighbors living on the street
- General support for the program from neighbors living on the street
- Concerns of bad driver behavior being pushed to other nearby streets, like 63rd Ave SW. "Moving the problem"
- Confusion on who can use the street and how
- Frustration over street not being used as intended (a lot of people still driving on it who are passing through) and it not being enforced
- Comments about certain people living on the street having more say than others who live on the street, nearby streets, and throughout community

Phone calls to SDOT

- We received a couple of calls to the project phone line. One preferred option 1 because it displaces parking the least. One caller said SDOT should deal with the overgrown vegetation and plantings and they offered to help. Another call asked that SDOT spend money on something else and has concerns over finding parking near Beach Drive for people with disabilities.

Event comments

- I just rode my bicycle from there and love how quiet and safe the street is
- I live not too far (Alki Beach) and walk there all the time. Hope we keep it as it is now.
- We live up the hill and come down to the point for walks. We want to make sure there's still parking to access it. The houses there just want it as their private backyard
- I walked down the beach a lot, and to Alki Point. I like it but SDOT needs to make sure to let residents know of the project. That's a lot of parking spaces we could potentially remove.
- There's a lot of apartments in Alki point that need parking. Make sure to reach out to them
- Make sure to reach out to the businesses so they know and we get their feedback
- If we're going to remove parking, can the residents inside Alki Point get Zone parking permits
- I live on Alki Point and I want to make sure the Keep Moving Street becomes permanent. We have so many "bad guys" that smoke, speed, and race down the street and play loud music.
- I was walking on the KMS street and a car almost ran me over. I like it but we need better signage and less cars.
- I lot of families and their kids use the ballfield there and need parking. Please reach out to them.
- I already took the survey. I ride there with my children. Please make it permanent.

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